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Home Page: www.delta.ca.gov**Delta National Heritage Area Feasibility Study Public Meeting #2**

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National Heritage Areas background info***What are National Heritage Areas (NHA)?***

A "national heritage area" is a place designated by the United States Congress where natural, cultural, historic and recreational resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally distinctive landscape arising from patterns of human activity shaped by geography. These areas tell nationally important stories about our nation and are representative of the national experience through both the physical features that remain and the traditions that have evolved within them.

NHA's - combine preservation, recreation, economic development, heritage tourism, and heritage education to interpret and promote their region's distinctive landscape.

Benefits of NHA Designation (Tangible)

- Branding of region as place of national stature
- Limited financial assistance from National Park Service (NPS) that provides valuable "seed" money that can help leverage other money from state, local and private sources
- Help to connect with other federal agencies
- Planning and interpretation assistance and expertise from NPS
- Use of NPS arrowhead symbol

Benefits of NHA Designation (Intangible)

- Retain/interpret the landscape for future generations
- Protect community identity, pride and sense of place
- Educational and inspirational opportunities that encourage residents and visitors to stay in a place
- Building of strong commitment to stewardship
- Offer a collaborative approach to conservation that does not compromise local control over the landscape